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	l. Radio-beacons, found only on lighthouses, were in use by 1939, and even earlier, in the USSR. They were utilized rarely on the Black See because there is not much fog there. Each ship had RDF (radio-direction finder or in Russian, "radio pelengator") to receive the radio-beacon. Radar was not available in the USSR in 1941. All Sovtanker vessels had gyrocompasses. Black Sea conditions were ideally met by navigational aids such as lighthouses and buoys. There are no tides in that sea, and little fog, so one merely follows the course one has plotted.	25
	2. the quality of Soviet technical communications personnel was	
	quite good All radio operators (radisti) were graduates of a three-year school for radio technicians. There was no shortage of such technicians.	

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